

Why Do the ISE Privacy Guidelines and Senior Leadership Need Each Other?

Federal departments and agencies have been directed by the President to enhance both the sharing of terrorism-related information and the protection of information privacy and other legal rights of Americans. To protect privacy, the President directed the development and approved the issuance of the Information Sharing Environment (ISE) Privacy Guidelines. By making the ISE Privacy Guidelines an agency priority and being actively involved in integrating enhanced privacy protections into the agency's sharing of protected information, federal executives can meet these dual mandates.

Senior leadership's active involvement in implementing the ISE Privacy Guidelines is essential.

- The ISE will help facilitate the sharing of terrorism-related information between federal departments and agencies and between the federal government and nonfederal entities and will:
 - Build a trusted partnership.
 - Establish common policies, procedures, and rules.
 - Provide a forum for discussion, collaboration, and resolution of issues.
- The ISE Privacy Guidelines save agencies from duplicating efforts by establishing a common privacy and civil liberties protection framework that:
 - Ensures that the balance between information privacy and security is maintained.
 - Sets forth core principles that reflect basic privacy protections and best practices.
- Executive-level sponsorship of department and agency implementation of the ISE Privacy Guidelines furthers:
 - Dedication of appropriate resources to assist privacy officers in implementing the ISE Privacy Guidelines.
 - Understanding that the ISE Privacy Guidelines apply to current information sharing arrangements.
 - Information Sharing Council (ISC) and Program Manager for the Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE) support for issuance of implementation guidance and implementation tools.
- Senior leadership must ensure that their department or agency fulfills the requirement to implement the ISE Privacy Guidelines. In furtherance of this:
 - Each department and agency must develop a written ISE Privacy Protection Policy.
 - Each department and agency must demonstrate compliance with the ISE Privacy Guidelines through documentation of activities.